

Interview with Joyce Webb
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DePue: Well, the war, in the Pacific especially, ended very abruptly, with the dropping of the atomic bomb.

Webb: Mm-hmm. Well, two of them.

DePue: Two of them.

Webb: First—

DePue: Hiroshima.

Webb: One was Nagasaki and the other was Hiroshima, yeah.

DePue: Hiroshima first and then Nagasaki, I think two days later.

Webb: And just horrible damage. On the other hand, a million casualties.

DePue: So, what were you thinking at the time, when you heard about an atomic bomb, using that?

Webb: Well, we had no idea what an atomic bomb was. I would say it was a little while before people started to say maybe that wasn't the right thing to do. It was quite a while, but it does come up, it still comes up.

DePue: What would be your view today?

Webb: I wouldn't have met Howard otherwise. Pretty hard for me to imagine a world without Howard. Isn't that strange?

DePue: Well, a million casualties and an awful lot of mothers and wives and sisters.

Webb: Oh, terrible but you know, there had been so much by that time, there had been so many casualties, so many places, and something had to stop. I had no idea what an atomic bomb was.